Then in his reply at ('c'), he has given the allocations made by Government for the year 2001-02 as 1.6 MMSCMD, for 2002-03 as 0.185 MMSCMD and for 2003-04 as 'Nil'. But Sir, during 2003-04, they have supplied nearly 3.68 MMSCMD. This is wrong information being given; the Government has requested full supplies for restoration of these projects. I wish to have a specific reply from the hon. Minister, while the demand and supply.....

श्री सभापति: बैठिए... बैठिए... टाइम खत्म हो रहा है, जवाब कौन देगा?

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, if I have the permission of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, I would be happy to supply you with a copy of a letter that he had written to me on the 17th of July, 2004 where, in fact, the subject heading is given as 'Shortage of supply gas to IPPs in AP-augmentation of gas availability by GAIL/ONGC-regarding' and the answer that we gave you was based upon his letter to me, rather than the hon. Member's version of the hon. Chief Minister's letter to me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is enough. Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy - that would be the last question.

SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Sir, I want to put my second supplementary.

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Sir, he has a second supplementary.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, he has a second supplementary to ask.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Outstanding foreign debt

†*86. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign debt outstanding against the country in exclusive terms along with its percentage in the GDP;

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the said debt during the last three years; and

(c) the total external debt owed to the country based on this ratio during last three years?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) India's total external debt outstanding, along with its variation in absolute terms and as a proportion of GDP for the last three years, is given below. As a proportion of GDP, India's external debt has declined from 21.1 per cent in 2001-02 to 17.6 per cent in 2003-04.

Year	Total External debt (US $ million)	Increase (+)/ Decrease(-) over previous year (US $ million)	Ratio of External debt to GDP
2001-02	98,757	-2375	21.1
2002-03	104,870	6113	20.2
2003-04	112,515	7645	17.6

Panchayati Raj Institution in J&K

*89. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the importance of strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Jammu & Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes that were initiated in Jammu & Kashmir and the progress made thereon during the last three years ending on 3.9.2004?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1999 is not applicable to the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Panchayats in Jammu & Kashmir have been constituted and are functioning under the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989. The State Government has recently communicated their request for assistance in order to provide the basic minimum facilities to the Panchayati Raj Institutions like office equipment and furniture, library facilities and community viewing facilities to all the Panchayats of the State to help establish the credibility of these institutions. The request is under process.